

PHILLIPS LECTURES ON NEGRO QUESTION

Discusses Negro Labor in
Slavery and Freedom; Its
Cost and Its Efficiency.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., January 31.—
The second lecture in the Phillips
series on the negro question was
given at the University of Virginia
tonight by Dr. Ulrich B. Phillips, of
the University of Michigan. His sub-
ject was "Black-Belt Negro Labor
in Slavery and Freedom: Its Cost
and Its Efficiency." Professor Phillips said,
in part:

"A number of quadrants and mulattoes
and occasional negroes follow
white men's habits of thought and have
white men's economic ambitions, but
the great mass of negroes in the
Southern black belt are in a quite
different category. And as a general
rule, the denser the negro population, the
more perfectly negro-like are the habits
of the negroes in thought and action."

"The cotton industry affords the
best opportunity for the study of past
and present conditions in the negro
because of the great number of negroes
employed and because of the fullness
of census statistics."

"In the ante-bellum regime slavery
permitted the whites to keep the negro
under control, and to transfer that
control from hand to hand. And with
slavery there was closely associated the
plantation system, which provided a
definite routine of simple tasks and
supervision, to insure their performance.
It provided also a certain
degree of industrial and social
education for the negroes. In fact,
plantation slavery permitted capable
managers to make of typical American
negroes as efficient a labor force as the
world has ever seen under any form of
coercion."

Schooling for Negroes.
That system also afforded a great
deal of industrial and social
schooling. The slaves, it is true, had
many opportunities to exert pressure
upon their masters; but, generally
speaking, the slaves in the negro belt
South were given more civilization and
were made more efficient than any
other large mass of Africans had become
up to that time."

"Furthermore, slavery and the slave
trade made the labor supply quickly
responsive to industrial opportunities.
The vast area of the cotton belt, for
example, was settled with slave labor
in a phenomenally rapid process,
whereas on the other hand the negroes
since emancipation have remained inert
where they and their fathers were
carried as slaves."

"To compare negro efficiency in
cotton production with that of the
white, it is necessary to select districts
where no great economic change has
occurred except the abolition of slavery—
where there has been no large
introduction of immigrant white
labor, and no great ravages by
the boll weevil. A typical area for our
purpose is the Yazoo delta in North-
western Mississippi. In four typical
counties there, Tunica, Coahoma, Bol-
ivar and Issaquena, in which the negro
population numbers about 90 per cent
of the whole, the per capita output of
cotton in 1890 was 2 1/2 bales of 500 pounds
each, while in 1910 and other average
years it was 1 1/2 bales of 500 pounds
each. That is to say, the efficiency of
the negroes has declined 33 per cent."

A great number of other black belt
counties indicate a similar decline.
On the other hand, the white dis-
tricts throughout the cotton belt,
and especially in Texas, Oklahoma and
Western Arkansas, have so greatly
increased their cotton output, that
more than half of the American cotton
crop is now produced by white
labor. Other data of wide variety
confirms this view of negro industrial
decadence and white industrial pro-
gress."

Cost of Slave Labor.
"To study the cost of slave labor,
it is necessary to take account not
only of the expense of his upkeep, but
also of the range of his services in the
market. The development of the cotton
industry gave rise to such competi-
tion among planters in buying slaves
and selling cotton that the price of
prime field hands in 1860 was \$400 in
rose from an average of about \$1,000 in
1860, while the price of cotton declined
from 30 cents in 1860 to 10 cents in 1890.
A prime field hand could be bought
in 1860 for 3,000 pounds in 1890 for 5,000
pounds in 1890 for 7,000 pounds in 1890
for 8,000 pounds in 1890 for 10,000 pounds
in 1890 and for 13,000 pounds in 1890."

"That is to say, a slave cost ten
times as much in 1860 as in 1890, and the
price was steadily rising, with nothing
in sight to check that rise. If the
abolition of slavery had not occurred,
the price of slaves would have risen to
such a point by the present time that
no planter could buy slaves and sell
cotton and keep afloat. Free negro
labor may not be actually cheaper to-
day than slave labor was in 1860, but it
is much cheaper than slave labor
would have been to-day had slavery
been perpetuated."

"If, therefore, the South of the
future can by some means make negro
labor more efficient, the employers as
well as the competitors of the negroes
have a much better opportunity for
prosperity than the regime of slavery
would have permitted."

IN FAVOR OF RESPONDENTS.
**Judge Waddill Makes Decision In \$7,000
Admiralty Action.**

Norfolk, Va., January 31.—Federal
Judge Waddill today handed down
decision in the \$7,000 admiralty action
of the Strathleven Steamship Company
against the tug Margaret J. Sanford,
growing out of collision between the
British steamship Strathleven and the
sloop which the Sanford had in tow off
Lambert Point. The court decided
for the respondents, it being held that
the Strathleven permitted herself in
anchoring to block the channel.

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DR. CALISCH ON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Opposing Forces Will To-Night
Consider J. D. Eggleston
for President.

From all indications, the meeting of
the Alumni Association of the Virginia
Polytechnic Institute in Roanoke to-
night will be the scene of hot en-
counters. The gathering was called
for the purpose of protesting against
the impending election of Joseph D.
Eggleston as president of the institu-
tion, but if such an effort is put forth
there will be men ready to fight it.

It is stated that members of the board
of visitors, regarded as not particularly
friendly to Mr. Eggleston have de-
plored any action on the part of the al-
umni, the position that the association
will not influence the board and that
any endorsement or condemnation of
one man would merely cause an em-
barrassing situation.

State Veterinarian J. G. Ferney-
hough left Richmond last night for
Roanoke, bent on a protest against
the association passing any sort of
resolution except one to the effect
that it will uphold the board of vis-
itors and stand behind its action for
the good of the Virginia Polytechnic In-
stitute.

"The selection of a president," said
Dr. Ferneyhough, "is a duty with which
the Alumni Association is not charged,
and we have no business meddling with
it."

On the other hand, there is a deter-
mined effort on the part of many al-
umni to prevent the election of Mr.
Eggleston if possible, on the ground
that politics is being played in his
selection.

WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY.
**Special Grand Jury to Take Up Com-
missionary Contract Investigation.**

Norfolk, Va., January 31.—Announce-
ment was made to-day that the special
grand jury which is to take up the naval
contracting investigation, will meet
during the week of February 12.
The exact date has not been fixed
and the jury has not been summoned.

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